1	2	3	4	5	6
15	Madhya Pradesh	2.278	2.043	0.551	0.395
16	Maharashtra	2.853	2.867	0.684	0.824
17	Manipur	15.56	15.157	0.454	0.453
18	Meghalaya	10.929	9.619	0.405	0.609
19	Mizoram	12.992	11.666	0.585	0.236
20	Nagaland	12.051	11.752	0.211	0.199
21	Orissa	12.799	10.546	0.531	0.515
22	Punjab	0.755	1.023	0.247	0.361
23	Rajasthan	0.174	0.523	0.526	0.315
24	Sikkim	10.201	8.611	0.601	0.826
25	Tamil Nadu	10.136	8.575	0.73	1.007
26	Tripura	11.705	11.185	0.587	0.551
27	Uttarakhand	4.991	4.387	0.621	0.432
28	Uttar Pradesh	4.013	2.704	0.604	0.465
29	West Bengal	11.599	7.441	0.755	0.958
30	A & N Islands	9.107	7.444	1.413	1.509
31	Chandigarh	2.228	1.673	2.261	0.611
32	D & N Haveli	4.986	4.288	0.653	0.325
33	Daman & Diu	1.66	1.433	1.288	0.379
34	Lakshadweep	9.36	9.007	1.04	0.779
35	Puducherry	10.046	8.661	1.173	0.753
	ALL INDIA	6.376	4.711	0.619	0.618

SOURCE: The National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

Procurement of wheat and rice

828. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to procure wheat and rice much beyond the requirement for public distribution system with a view to sell the same in open market, so as to keep the prices of foodgrains under check and curb inflation to prevent hoarding;

(b) if so, the amount of wheat and rice procured this year so far; and

(c) the steps, so far, taken to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) As per the existing policy, the Central Government extends price support to paddy and wheat through the Government agencies (Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Agencies). All foodgrains conforming to the prescribed specifications offered for sale at specified centers is bought by the procuring agencies. The farmers have the option to sell their paddy/wheat either to FCI/State Agencies at Minimum Support Price, or to the private parties, as is advantageous to them. Foodgrains procured by the FCI/State Governments and their agencies are distributed through State Governments under Targetted Public Distribution System and other Welfare Schemes.

In Rabi Marketing Season 2008-09, 226.82 lakh tonnes of wheat has been procured. 284.29 lakh tonnes of rice was procured in Kharif Marketing Season 2007-08.

The Government has also decided to distribute upto 20 lakh tonnes of wheat under Open Market Sales Scheme (D) in order to check inflationary trend in food economy.

Import and procurement of foodgrains

829. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of foodgrains imported during last five years, foodgrain-wise and year-wise break-up;

(b) the price to import the above quantum of foodgrains, foodgrain-wise and year-wise break-up;

(c) the quantum of foodgrains produced during last five years, foodgrain-wise and year-wise break-up; and

(d) the quantum of foodgrains procured by Government during the same period from domestic market, foodgrain-wise and year-wise break-up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) The quantum of foodgrains imported and the value of foodgrains imported during last five years are given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) The quantum of foodgrains produced during last five years is given in the Statement-II (*See* below).

(d) The quantum of foodgrain procured by Government during last five years is given in the Statement-III.

Statement-I

The quantum of foodgrains imported during last five years and its value

Rice:-

Sl.No.	Year	Qty. (in MTs)	Value (in lakh)
1.	2003-04	54	27.11
2.	2004-05	Nil	Nil
3.	2005-06	23	3.35
4.	2006-07	161	40.64
5.	2007-08	146	42.22